GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1441
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NATIONAL CALAMITY FUND
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Calamity Fund has been set up;

(b) if so, the initial amount thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to increase the amount in occurrence of natural calamities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir. The National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) has been set up.

(b): Rs. 500 crore.

(c)&(d): As per the NCCF scheme, the Fund is to be recouped by levy ofspecial surcharge on Central taxes. 2% surcharge has been levied in the wake of earthquake in Gujarat. It is proposed to continue this surcharge, besides levy of 15% special surcharge on cigarettes, bidies, pan masalas to be credited to NCCF, as per the budget proposals for 2001-02.